

C.S.

OFFICES AND OFFICIALS

(W. J. Catten)

(H.M.C.S. "Afterglow")

SHIVES/2 # 6

1925.

No. 19/25.

C.E. "C".

Col. Secretary

SUBJECT.

1925

William J.
Mr. J. W. CATTEN

Appointed Gunner on
H.M.C.S. "Afterglow"

7th January

Previous Paper.

MINUTES.

- Letter to Mr. W. J. Catten, 8th January 1925. (1)
- Copy sent Ag. Harbour Master, 8th January 1925. (2)
- 3 pers. to Messrs Dixon, Clifton, Hittle & White, 8th January, 1925. (3)
- Government notice of 11th Feb, 1925. Encl. (4)
- Letter from Mr. W. J. Catten of 6th November 1925. (5)
- Minute by Ag. Harbour Master of 9/11/25. (5A)

G.E. Submitted.

There would appear to be no alternative but to accept ~~the~~ Mr. Catten's resignation

I have spoken to the Ag. Harbour Master as to the question of a successor. Mr. Basely is aware of the applications referred to in Encl. (3), but recommends the publication of an advt. in the hope that some better candidates may be forthcoming

B. C.
13.XI.25

Subsequent Paper.

H.E.S.
Resignation may be accepted now as it is a matter of regret to me

that afterglow is to lose his services

16 Nov 1915

Hq. Harbour Master.

To inform Mr. Catten that his resignation has been accepted, with effect from 6th Dec., by H.E. the Governor.

Please submit aft. of a suitable adv. calling for applicants to fill the resulting vacancy.

D. C.

16. XI. 15

The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Thank you, noted.

- 2. Copy of letter to Mr Catten herewith. (6)
- 3. Suggested notice inviting applications for post of Gunner on the "Afterglow" submitted herewith. (4)

Harvey

A/C Harbour Master.

17/11/25.

H.E. Draft Notice Submitted.

In view of what has happened in the case of Mr. Catten, it might be worth while to consider whether or not the next Gunner should be required to enter into a formal agreement?

D. C.

19. XI. 15

H.C.S.

Notice to you:

- 2. I think all the crew are employed by the Government, -
- Excepting Engineer who was selected by Crown agents: this is a convenient arrangement but perhaps Government should be in possession for 6 months. 21 Nov 1915

Side Minute Paper.

A/C Harbour Master.

To note approval for notice.
Your attention is called to the
additional condition of appointment, viz,
probationary period of 6 months.

Incl. R.M.S. 25/11/25.

[Signature]
21. XI. 25

The Hon: Col: Secretary.

I regret that this matter has been overlooked
2. I now submit notice for Gazette Board, the date has
has been altered to the 5th December.

[Signature]
A/C Harbour Master.

23/11/25.

Approved for Notice Board

[Signature]
28/11/25

8. - Notice as forwarded on Ensign's Boards. 28 Nov 1925.

9-10. Minute from A/C Harbour Master 5 Dec 1925.

Colonial Engineer.

Please do as ^{you} suggest in para.
2 of your memo., and if the outcome is
satisfactory I will take Mr's instructions.

[Signature]
7. 11. 25

The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

I have seen the Master of the "Afterglow" and he
is of the opinion that Mr E Dixon would be suitable.

2. Mr Dixon does not appear to have had any training
in gunnery, but the Master states that he would be able
to instruct Dixon in the working of the 3 pounder.

3. I am of opinion that it will be difficult to obtain
a man qualified to train a gun's crew and also have

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sufficient knowledge of local waters to enable him to take temporary charge of the vessel.

Proposed
A/G Harbour Master.
10/12/25.

Submitted. *[Signature]*
10. 11. 25

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H.C.S.

The gunner's salary was originally fixed at £150 +
later an addition of £18 was made I think for ^{extra} ~~work~~ ^{work}.
He also has ^{now} ~~been~~ ^{received} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~increase~~ ^{increase} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~£18~~ ^{£18}.
The salary is now £168 in ~~total~~ ^{total}.

Special qualification of holder of the post was ability to
manage a gun crew: Knowledge of local waters was not
required. The rate of salary is not stated in notice inviting
applications (enclosed) & it will be well to have a definite
statement from Ag. Harbour Master as to what salary was
offered by him.

2. Mr. E. Dixon is at present employed on Improvement work
I think at rate of 1/6 per hour. Mr. Roberts to whom I have
spoken is prepared to release him.

3. It is important on account of applicants programme of
work for next 3 months, that vacancy should be filled
without delay & in these circumstances Mr Dixon may
be appointed ^{on 3 months probation} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~fill~~ ^{fill} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~vacancy~~ ^{vacancy}.
I have already given verbal
authority for the appointment but I have some doubt as
to whether a salary of £140 is justified in this case. ^{at present} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~rate~~ ^{rate} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~salary~~ ^{salary} ~~offered~~ ^{offered} ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~Ag. Harbour Master~~ ^{Ag. Harbour Master} ~~must~~ ^{must} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~paid~~ ^{paid}.

[Signature]
13 Dec 1925.

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Colonial Engineer

For information, guidance, and report

B. C. S.
14/11/25

The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Mr Dixon did not have an interview with me prior to forwarding his application, but I gather that he was under the impression that the salary was at the ~~rate~~ rate of £170 per annum.

2. I have explained to him that the original salary was at the rate of £150 per annum, and have informed him that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint him as Gunner on the "Afterglow" on three months probation.

3. For the present Mr Dixon is receiving salary at the rate of £150 per annum. Should he become efficient in gunnery, and his services be satisfactory then I would suggest that he be granted salary at the higher rate.

Anscombe

A/G Harbour Master.

23/12/25.

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19/25.

8th January, 25.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to inform you that His Excellency has been pleased to appoint you to be Gunner of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow", subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State, with effect from the day following the departure of the next mail for Europe. You will receive salary at the rate of £170 a year, free uniform and messing while living on board the vessel. You will be required to perform such duties as the Captain of the "Afterglow" may direct in connection with gunnery, navigation and the care and maintenance of the ship. You will also perform the duties of transport and mail officer and any other suitable work required of you.

2. You will be required to give security for the faithful discharge of your duties in the event of your being entrusted with the receipt, custody or disbursement of public money.

3. Your certificates of service in the Royal Navy and your discharges from the s.s. "Falkland", are returned herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Mr. W. J. Catten,
Stanley.

H. Henniker-Heaton.
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

No _____

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Stanley, Falkland Islands
11th February, 1925.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to appoint

MR WILLIAM JOHN CATTEN

to be Gunner of H.M.C.S. "Afterglow", with effect
from the 5th of February, 1925.

By Command,

G. R. L. BROWN,
for Colonial Secretary.

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Stanley
Nov. 6th 25

To
Act. Harbour Master
through Captain Howatt.



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Dear Sir

I wish to give a month's notice, to resign from my position as Gunner of H.M.C.S. Afterglow.

I am
your obedient servant
W. J. Catten.

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The Hon: Colonial Secretary.

Submitted.

5A

- 2. I have seen Mr Catten and he gives no reason for resigning other than he wishes to return to the S.S. "Falkland".
- 3. Catten is a sober and industrious man and I regret that he wishes to leave the "Afterglow".

R. M. S. Ashley
A/Act Harbour Master.

9/11/25.

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HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

STANLEY.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

17th November 1925.

M/P. 19/25.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 9th November, tending your resignation as Gunner on the H.M.C.S "Afterglow", and have been instructed to inform you that His Excellency The Governor has accepted your resignation with effect from the 6th December 1925.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant .

R. W. Stanley

Acting Harbour Master.

Mr, W, J. Catten.

STANLEY.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Applications are invited for the post of GUNNER on H. M. C. S. "Afterglow".

Particulars of duties and salary may be obtained on application to the Acting Harbour Master.

Applicants should possess a thorough knowledge of local waters and must be capable of taking temporary charge of the vessel at any time, if required. They must also be qualified to train a gun's crew in the use of a 3 pounder gun and to give instruction in and be responsible for the maintenance and use of the armament of the vessel generally.

Application, in the candidate's handwriting, should reach the Acting Harbour Master on or before noon on Saturday the ^{5th December} 28th November, 1925.

R. P. Asely.

Acting Harbour Master.

Stanley.

18th November, 1925.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

Applications are invited for the post of GUNNER on L. M. C. S. "Afterglow".

Particulars of duties and salary may be obtained on application to the Acting Harbour Master.

Applicants should possess a thorough knowledge of local waters and must be capable of taking temporary charge of the vessel at any time, if required. They must also be qualified to train a gun's crew in the use of a 3 pounder gun and to give instruction in and be responsible for the maintenance and use of the armament of the vessel generally.

Application, in the candidate's handwriting should reach the Acting Harbour Master on or before noon on Saturday the 5th December, 1925.

R. S. Stanley

Acting Harbour Master.

Stanley.

29th November, 1925.